

QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT
WETA TV26 PROGRAMMING

3rd Quarter 2017
July, August, September

As the program schedule for WETA TV26 is planned, consideration is given to a variety of special interests in the Washington metropolitan area. During June, July, and August, the following issues were covered in a variety of programming.

American History / Biography
Arts
Business / Industry
Crime / Legal Issues / Law Enforcement
Economy
Environment / Nature / Natural Disasters
Health / Health Care
National Politics
Science / Technology
War / Veterans / National Security

The programming listed below represents ongoing series that continually touch upon the previously mentioned topics.

BBC World News America (Weeknights)
Charlie Rose (Weeknights)
Defense News Weekly (Weekend)
Frontline (Weekly)
McLaughlin Group (Weekly)
Nightly Business Report (Weeknights)
Open Mind (Weekend)
PBS NewsHour (Weeknights)
PBS NewsHour Weekend (Weekends)
SciTech Now (Weekly)
To the Contrary (Weekly)
Washington Week (Weekly)

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American History / Biography

SUMMER OF LOVE: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, July 26, 2017 at 8:00pm

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BOYS OF SUMMER: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 8:00 pm

Explore the thrilling story of the American rowing team that triumphed at the 1936 Olympics in Nazi Germany. Inspired by #1 best-seller *The Boys in the Boat*, the film follows the underdog team that took the nation by storm when they captured gold.

TYRUS WONG: AMERICAN MASTERS (90) minutes

Aired Friday, September 8, 2017 at 9:00 pm

Discover the art, life and enduring impact of Tyrus Wong, the renowned Chinese-American painter behind *Bambi* and *Rebel Without a Cause*, via new and never-before-seen interviews, movie clips and art. Wong once exhibited with Picasso and Matisse.

Arts

WILLIE NELSON: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS GERSHWIN PRIZE (60) minutes

Aired Friday, July 14, 2017 at 10:00 pm

Enjoy an all-star tribute to singer and songwriter Willie Nelson, the 2015 recipient of the Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song. Nelson's lyrics give voice to America's heartland and his music pushes genre boundaries.

ANDREA BOCELLI: LANDMARKS LIVE IN CONCERT—A GREAT PERFORMANCES SPECIAL (90) minutes

Aired Friday, August 11, 2017 at 8:30 pm

Singer Andrea Bocelli performs at the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence, Italy. He is joined by conductor Zubin Mehta. Come along with Bocelli and host Chad Smith as we take an up close and personal tour and of his villa in Tuscany as well as the city of Florence with Mayor Dario Nardella.

BALLET HISPANICO (93) minutes

Aired Friday, September 15, 2017 at 9:00 pm

Enjoy two iconic works from the country's premier Latino dance company: CARMEN.maquia, a modern take on Bizet's passionate opera, and Club Havana, a virtuosic reimagining of a sizzling nightclub by Cuban-born choreographer Pedro Ruiz.

Business / Industry

PBS NEWSHOUR (60) minutes

Aired Monday, July 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Monday on the NewsHour, as the GOP's health care bill struggles to find its course, the president of the March of Dimes weighs in on what is at stake for patients. Also: A new report on the opioid epidemic, civility in America in the age of President Trump, hope for children with a birth defect in India, an undocumented family comes out of the shadows and a retelling of a Greek tragedy.

SUZE ORMAN'S FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS FOR YOU (180) minutes

Aired Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 9:30 pm

We all have financial issues and problems. Suze Orman's latest special sharply focuses on her helping individual viewers "find financial solutions for you." As always, Suze's advice is based not just on numbers, but on a critical understanding of ourselves and our emotional needs. The special's central theme is that our financial decision-making should be guided by an understanding of "the goal of money." As Suze perceptively defines it: "The goal of money is to make you feel secure." Our financial solutions should work to fulfill that goal. In addition, Suze stresses the importance of making financial decisions that you feel comfortable with. Financial problems are caused when you do things with money that do not seem "right" to you, despite pressures and advice from others.

FRONTLINE: ABACUS—SMALL ENOUGH TO JAIL (90) minutes

Aired Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 10:00 pm

Hear the little-known story of the only U.S. bank prosecuted after the financial crisis. Director Steve James (Hoop Dreams, The Interrupters) chronicles the Chinese immigrant Sung family's fight to clear their names

Crime / Legal Issues / Law Enforcement

FRONTLINE: LIFE ON PAROLE (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 10:00 pm

Follow former prisoners through the challenges of their first year on parole. With unique access, the film goes inside the effort to change the way parole works in Connecticut and reduce the number of people returning to prison

PBS NEWSHOUR (30) minutes

Aired Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm

On this edition for Saturday, August 12, Amid escalating rhetoric this week between President Donald Trump and North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un, North Korea threatened to fire ballistic missiles toward Guam, a small Pacific island that has been a U.S. territory since 1898. Then, Sen. John McCain proposes another U.S. strategy for Afghanistan. Later, Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe declared a state of emergency in Charlottesville on Saturday as hundreds of white nationalists and alt-right activists clashed with police and counter-protesters.. Hari Sreenivasan anchors from New York.

PBS NEWSHOUR (60) minutes

Aired Friday, September 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm

After Harvey, undocumented immigrants face added uncertainty. For Houston's undocumented immigrant community, some 600,000 people, Hurricane Harvey has turned anxiety about immigration raids and deportations into a visceral fear to seek shelter. In addition, many who have been impacted by the storm are unable to qualify for government disaster relief. P.J. Tobia reports on how undocumented families are overcoming Harvey.

Economy

PBS NEWSHOUR WEEKEND (30) minutes

Aired Saturday, July 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm

On this edition for Sunday, July 16, at the National Governors Association's summer meeting in there was bipartisan resistance to the Republican healthcare plan, which threatens to cut federal Medicaid subsidies. Then, following a series of defaults on payments toward billions of dollars' worth of debt, Congress last year passed a law giving a federal financial board oversight on Puerto Rico's budget. The board has made severe cuts in an already dire economic crisis. Later, a new Washington Post-ABC news poll shows 60 percent of Americans believe Russia tried to influence last year's election and 41 percent believe the Trump campaign intentionally aided those efforts.

POV: RAISING BERTIE (90) minutes

Aired Monday, August 28, 2017 at 10:00 pm

Raising Bertie is an intimate portrait of three African American boys as they face a precarious coming of age in rural Bertie County, North Carolina. Like many rural areas, Bertie County struggles with a dwindling economy, a declining population, and a high school graduation rate below the state average. This powerful vérité film weaves the young men's narratives together as they work to define their identities and grow into adulthood while navigating complex relationships, institutional racism, violence, poverty, and educational inequity. *A co-presentation with the National Black Programming Consortium (NBPC).*

CHARLIE ROSE (60) minutes

Aired Monday, September 13, 2017 at 11:00 pm

Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia discusses President Trump's bipartisan meetings to overhaul the nation's tax code.

Environment / Nature / Natural Disasters

NATURE'S GREAT RACE: ELELPHANTS (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 9:00pm

Follow the annual gathering of a thousand elephants in northern Kenya. From magnificent bulls to vulnerable orphans; they face deadly threats from both predators and poachers.

IRELAND'S WILD COAST (120) minutes

Aired Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 8:00 pm

A personal journey along one of the most spectacular coastlines in the world featuring the wildlife and wild places that make it so special. Emmy award winning wildlife cameraman Colin Stafford-Johnson takes viewers on an authored odyssey along Ireland's rugged Atlantic coast - the place he chooses to make his home after 30 years spent shooting some of the world's most celebrated wildlife films. The series will follow Colin from the southwest corner of the island to finish on the tip of Northern Ireland. Along the way, he gives intimate personal insights into the wild animals and wild places he discovers. We begin on Skellig Rocks - stormbound ocean pinnacles off the southwestern corner where early Christian monks built a monastery on the summit almost 1500 years ago. His next stop is the deserted Great Blasket Island, home to a wildlife spectacle more familiar from Antarctica - vast numbers of Seals coming ashore in winter to fight, mate and molt before he heads inland in search of the island's last surviving herd of Red Deer from prehistoric times. Back on the coast, he goes on the trail of Humpback Whales, which are making their mark in Irish waters returning year after year in increasing numbers before heading north along the coast to meet a lonely dolphin who has set up residence off Ireland's striking Burren region. Colin ends in Clew Bay, an iconic inlet half way up Ireland's west coast and the place Colin chose to make his home after decades traveling the world.

NOVA: KILLER LANDSLIDES (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 10:00 pm

In less than two minutes in March, a one-square-mile field of debris slammed into the Washington state community of Oso, killing 41 and destroying nearly 50 homes.

Drawing on analysis of other recent landslides around the world, geologists are investigating what triggered the deadliest U.S. landslide in decades and whether climate change is increasing the risk of similar disasters around the globe.

Health / Health Care

FRONTLINE: HUNTING THE NIGHTMARE BACTERIA (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 10:00 pm

"Nightmare bacteria." That is how the CDC describes a frightening new threat spreading quickly in hospitals, communities, and across the globe. FRONTLINE reporter David Hoffman investigates the alarming rise of untreatable infections: from a young girl thrust onto life support in an Arizona hospital, to a young American infected in India who comes home to Seattle, and an uncontrollable outbreak at the nation's most prestigious hospital, where 18 patients were mysteriously infected and six died, despite frantic efforts to contain the killer bacteria. Fueled by decades of antibiotic overuse, the crisis has deepened as major drug companies, squeezed by Wall Street expectations, have abandoned the development of new antibiotics. Without swift action, the miracle age of antibiotics could be ending.

FRONTLINE: LEAGUE OF DENIAL—THE NFL'S CONCUSSION CRISIS, PT. 1 (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 10:30 pm

Follow one doctor's battle against the NFL to raise awareness about the dangers of head injuries in football. FRONTLINE details how the NFL denied and worked to refute scientific evidence that showed football could cause long-term brain injuries.

POV: THE GROWN UPS (60) minutes

Aired Monday, September 4, 2017 at 10:00 pm

In a school for individuals with Down Syndrome, four middle-aged friends yearn for a life of greater autonomy in a society that marginalizes them as disabled. Get a humorous and at times tragic look at the limbo of conscious adults.

National Politics / Government

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POV: TRIBAL JUSTICE (90) minutes

Aired Monday, August 21, 2017 at 10:00 pm

Follow two Native-American judges who reach back to traditional concepts of justice in order to reduce incarceration rates, foster greater safety for their communities and create a more positive future for their youth.

FRONTLINE: THE MAN WHO KNEW (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 10:00 pm

"The Man Who Knew," the extraordinary tale of the life and death of FBI Special Agent John O'Neill. An expert on counterterrorism, O'Neill had long believed the United States should kill Osama bin Laden before Al Qaeda could launch a devastating attack on America. However, his James Bond style and hot pursuit of Al Qaeda made him an outcast in the button-down world of the FBI. Forced out of the job he loved, O'Neill left the Bureau for a job in the private sector-as head of security at the World Trade Center. He died there on September 11. O'Neill's story offers a rare glimpse inside the FBI and helps answer the question: What did the government know?

Science / Technology

RARE: CREATURES OF THE PHOTO ARK (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 9:00pm

Journey with Joel Sartore in Spain, where he photographs the alluring Iberian lynx, and to China to film the Yangtze giant softshell turtle. In Cameroon, he hopes to glimpse the amazing Cross River gorilla, the rarest in the world.

NOVA: ECLIPSE OVER AMERICA (60) minutes

Aired Monday, August 21, 2017 at 9:00 pm

Join scientists and citizens alike as they observe the first total solar eclipse to traverse the US mainland in more than a generation. Discover the storied history of eclipse science and follow current, cutting-edge research into the solar corona.

USS INDIANAPOLIS LIVE—FROM THE DEEP (60) minutes

Aired Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 10:00 pm

Take a live tour of the wreckage from the USS Indianapolis, the WWII vessel lying at the bottom of the Pacific since its sinking in 1945. Video of the vessel, found in August, will be transmitted from a remotely operated vehicle.

War / Veterans / National Security

FRONTLINE: TERROR IN EUROPE (60) minutes

Aired Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 10:00 pm

Inside Europe's fight against the rise of Islamist terrorism. As Europe reels from a terror onslaught, top counter-terror officials describe their struggle to contain the unprecedented threat revealed by attacks in France and Belgium.

PBS PREVIEWS: THE VIETNAM WAR (60) minutes

Aired Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 8:00 pm

This program looks at the creation of the upcoming series from Ken Burns and Lynn Novick: THE VIETNAM WAR. Featuring interviews with the filmmakers, behind-the-scenes footage, and exclusive clips from the series, this program will give viewers an advance look at this fall's most anticipated film.

THE VIETNAM WAR: RIDING THE TIGER (90) minutes

Aired Monday, September 17, 2017 at 8:00 pm

President Kennedy and his advisors wrestle with how deeply to get involved in South Vietnam. As the increasingly autocratic Diem regime faces a growing communist insurgency and widespread Buddhist protests, a grave political crisis unfolds.